

Bernie Fechtel of Jefferson City, Missouri. A successful businessman in central Missouri, Mr. Fechtel served as the Chairman of the Board for the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce in 2007.

During his time as Chairman, the local Chamber was awarded the Missouri Chamber of Commerce and Industry's "Chamber of the Year" award in recognition of the Chamber's effectiveness and efficiency in implementing its economic goals. Jefferson City is the fifth city in history to receive this distinguished award.

Mr. Fechtel will continue to serve the Jefferson City Chamber of Commerce in 2008 as its Chairman-Emeritus. I trust that Members of the House will join me in thanking Bernie Fechtel for his outstanding leadership and vision.

A TRIBUTE TO MRS. MARGARET  
BEULAH COLVERT ALLEN

HON. G. K. BUTTERFIELD

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. BUTTERFIELD. Madam Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to one of America's most deserving citizens, Mrs. Margaret Beulah Colvert Allen, who will be celebrating her 100th Birthday on August 2, 2008. Although Mrs. Allen was born in Statesville, NC, she presently resides in Congressman Bobby Scott's Congressional District, so we are both equally pleased and proud to share her as our friend and constituent.

Over the years, Mrs. Allen has assumed many different roles. She was a dedicated homemaker and was also employed for several years as a substitute teacher, seamstress, supervisor of arts and crafts at her area community recreation center, and a food service worker at the Veterans Administration Hospital.

Madam Speaker, Mrs. Allen has dedicated 75-faithful years of her life as a member of the Saint Paul A.M.E. Church. She has served as steward and stewardess and on several different committees including the Committee of Concern, which she chaired for many years. Mrs. Allen was also very involved in her community's Y.W.C.A. and the elementary and high school Parent Teacher Association.

By all accounts, Mrs. Allen is a "wonderful mother." Due to her husband's early death, Mrs. Allen was forced to rear five children as a single parent. Marion A. Christian, John C. Allen, III, Charles C. Allen, Beverly A. Henderson and Lynne C. Allen are the Allen children. All of the Allen children completed college and have reared successful children of their own.

Madam Speaker, over her lifetime, Mrs. Allen has lived through some of the most significant historical periods of our time. Like so many of the great historical monuments she has stood the test of time and has survived Reconstruction; lynching; World War I; the Great Depression; World War II; the period of segregation; the Civil Rights Movement; Voting Rights Movement; School Desegregation and other momentous times. She is indeed a walking history reference and we take great pride in recognizing her for being blessed with such longevity.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. LYNN C. WOOLSEY

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Ms. WOOLSEY. Madam Speaker, on December 17, I was unavoidably detained and was not able to record my votes for rollcall Nos. 1163–1173.

Had I been present I would have voted:

Rollcall No. 1163—"yes"—Expresses heartfelt sympathy for the victims and families of the shootings in Omaha, Nebraska, on Wednesday, December 5, 2007.

Rollcall No. 1164—"yes"—Honoring local and State first responders, and the citizens of the Pacific Northwest in facing the severe winter storm of December 2 and 3, 2007.

Rollcall No. 1165—"yes"—Same Day Rule.

Rollcall No. 1166—"yes"—Same Day Rule.

Rollcall No. 1167—"yes"—Sine Die Adjournment resolution of the 1st Session of the 110th Congress.

Rollcall No. 1168—"yes"—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764, State, foreign operations appropriations, FY 2008.

Rollcall No. 1169—"yes"—Providing for consideration of the Senate amendment to H.R. 2764, State, foreign operations appropriations, FY 2008.

Rollcall No. 1170—"yes"—To award a congressional gold medal to Daw Aung San Suu Kyi in recognition of her courageous and unwavering commitment to peace, nonviolence, human rights, and democracy in Burma.

Rollcall No. 1171—"yes"—Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for FY 2008—Amendment No. 1.

Rollcall No. 1172—"no"—Department of State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs Appropriations for FY 2008—Amendment No. 2.

Rollcall No. 1173—"yes"—Recognizing and celebrating the centennial of Oklahoma statehood.

IN TRIBUTE TO ANGIE MARKHAM

HON. CAROLYN B. MALONEY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mrs. MALONEY of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise to pay tribute to Angie Markham, a great American who serves as the Executive Director of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Queens, Inc. Angie Markham is devoted to her family and her community. In recognition of her selfless dedication to the well-being of others, she was honored by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club of the Borough of Queens in New York City at its 76th Annual Dinner Dance.

Next year will mark two full decades of distinguished service by Angie Markham as Executive Director of the Federation of Italian-American Organizations of Queens, Inc. As the leader of the Federation, Angie Markham has developed and managed countless worthwhile initiatives that have provided essential services to the community. These include an annual Columbus Day Parade in Queens; a

surplus food distribution program; an annual 5-Kilometer Run to Help Fight Drug Abuse; Italian Heritage Cultural Month festivities coordinated with the office of the Queens Borough President, St. John's University, and several other community-based organizations; soccer camps, clinics, and tournaments for area youth; weekly cultural and entertainment events every summer in Athens Square Park in Astoria; classes in Italian language and culture, English as a second language, and civics. While devoting her time and attention to this incredible range of activities, Angie Markham has also remained devoted to her family as a beloved wife and mother.

In recognition of her many outstanding contributions to the community, Angie Markham has been honored by numerous organizations and leaders. She has been honored by the Queens Borough President's office, by State Senator George Onorato, by State Assemblyman Michael Gianaris, and by New York City Councilman Peter Vallone, Jr., as well by numerous government agencies and civic associations.

In being honored by the Taminent Regular Democratic Club, Angie Markham's achievements were recognized by one of the largest and most vibrant political and civic organizations in our nation's greatest city. The Taminent Club represents voters in the neighborhoods of Astoria and Long Island City in the New York State Assembly's 36th District and is led by its able District Leaders, the Honorable Gloria DeMarco Aloise and the Honorable George Onorato. The Taminent Club proudly carries the banner of the world's oldest political party in one of the most diverse counties in the United States of America. Borough of Queens.

Madam Speaker, I ask that my distinguished colleagues join me in recognizing the outstanding contributions to our cultural and civic life made by Angie Markham.

HONORING THE BISHOP LUDDEN  
HIGH SCHOOL FOOTBALL TEAM

HON. JAMES T. WALSH

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, December 19, 2007

Mr. WALSH of New York. Madam Speaker, I rise today in tribute to the Bishop Ludden High School Football Team, 2007 Mass C New York State Football Champions. The Bishop Ludden Gaelic Knights defeated the Dobbs Ferry Eagles by a score of 21–16, earning Bishop Ludden's first state football championship title.

On behalf of the people of New York's 25th Congressional District, I congratulate these young men on their outstanding athletic achievement and praise head coach John Cosgrove, and Assistant Coaches Mike Rogers and Bill Cloonan on their team's success. I look forward to another exciting year when the Gaelic Knights take the field to defend their title in 2008.

Steven Barrett, Eric Beauford, James Braithwaite, Connor Brown, Casey Christo, Conor Cosgrove, Christopher Davis, Mark Deangelis, Yaroslav Fentsor, Nicholas Ferrante, Daquan Grobsmith, Christopher Harding, Michael Hogan, Eugene Law, Jiyhouh Ly, William McGrath, Julio Ortiz, Omar